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A full and detailed report of the results of our Diocesan Campaign will appear in the January issue of the Church News.

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Though Christmas is four weeks ahead, yet on account of the date of our publication this must be our Christmas number, and we wish all our readers a blessed Christmas filled with joy.

It was our hope and prayer that during our Campaign many would realize the spiritual nature and character of our work. We thank God for the experience through which we are passing as these words are written. As we are endeavoring more earnestly to serve in Christ's Church our experience will lead us to a humble and more real worship when we kneel in spirit in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. May the lesson sink deeply into our hearts that all we have in the world that is worth while comes from God through the revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ, and having offered our gifts to Him let us pray that we may more fully give ourselves to Him, so that He may dwell in us and we in Him—that we may go out to seek others and bring them also to worship at His feet. May we see in Him humanity's hope and the world's Saviour and ask Him to use us and all that we have in spreading His Kingdom of peace and good-will.

The Every Member Canvass and the Bishops Crusade naturally follow our Diocesan Campaign. It is our conviction that the enthusiasm aroused during the past two months has been a great benefit to our Missionary work at home and abroad and was the best kind of preparation for interesting our communicants in the up-building of the Kingdom of God. When our members know what the Church is doing in the Diocese as well as in the Parish—in our Missions and in our Institutions—in preaching the Gospel, administering the Holy Sacraments, in ministering to the sick and suffering and others in need, it gives to them a new conception of what the Church is also doing in lands afar off. To have our men and women tell the story of our Missions and Institutions and see the response to the call for service, is also a good preparation for Evangelistic work.

In our Campaign there was a clear and definite recognition of the spiritual basis of our work, and a witness of our love to the Master of life as a Diocese, that we might all be fellow-workers with Him in a life of sacrifice and of service to do good to others in His name.

We are delighted to announce that the Rt. Rev. Julius W. Atwood, D.D., formerly Bishop of Arizona, will assist in the Confirmations in our Diocese for several months, beginning his duties on January 15th.

After fifteen years of service as the head of a great Missionary jurisdiction, the Bishop resigned at the last meeting of the General Convention. Though still in vigorous health, he acted on his conviction that having reached retiring age he should be succeeded by a younger man, as the great and growing interests of the Church demanded it. Bishop Atwood was one of our constructive leaders in the domestic field. The splendid condition of his district shows the fruits of his devotion and faithful service—in the development of the Cathedral at Phoenix; the firm establishment of tuberculosis homes and sanitariums, which, due to his efforts, are also largely endowed; and the fostering and development of Missions and Parishes in Arizona.

An item of special interest to us in the midst of our Diocesan Campaign is the fact that there is not a cent of indebtedness on any Mission in Arizona and within the next few years we pray that this will also be true of Pennsylvania.

Bishop Atwood is one of my dearest friends: as such he will be welcomed by our people. In his sojourn in our Diocese we know he will enjoy his ministrations and that all who meet him will be glad to claim him as a friend.

Episcopal Hospital Welcomes Many at 75th Anniversary Services and Dedication by Bishop of Nurses' Home

Services commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Episcopal Hospital, the Dedication by Bishop Garland of the new addition to the Nurses' Home, and the call for $700,000 in the Diocesan Missionary Campaign to improve the equipment of the hospital, were triple events that featured Thursday, November 18th, at this great hospital of the Church in this Diocese.

On the afternoon of that day, this largest of our Diocesan institutions welcomed many of its friends. A group of Internes and Nurses met the visitors and from four o'clock to four-thirty guided them through the buildings. On the walls of the main corridor were hung interesting posters, visualizing various aspects of the work of the hospital; and a cleverly designed folder was given to everyone, indicating the quantities of articles used by the hospital during the past year, and giving a statistical table of the year's work and its cost. This inspection and information was a delightful preparation for the Annual Thanksgiving Day Offering in our churches for maintenance of the current work of the institution.

At half-past four the company assembled in the Chapel, and after a brief devotional exercise conducted by the Rev. Thomas C. Johnson, the Chaplain; the Rev. Dr. Levis, and the Rev. Wood Stewart, members of the Board of Managers, two addresses were delivered. Dr. Washburn spoke in commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the hospital. Recalling the initiative of Dr. Caspar Morris who, with the Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, John Welsh, Benjamin W. Frazier, George M. Wharton, Benjamin G. Godfrey and others, under the leadership of Bishop Alonzo Potter in 1848 issued "An Appeal on Behalf of the Sick, with a Plan for Organization." In July, 1851, the Charter was secured. In 1852 Miss Leamy and her sister, Mrs. Stout, gave for the purpose their spacious mansion and grounds and the first patients were admitted.

For eight years the work developed in the Leamy Mansion. In May, 1860, the cornerstone of the main building was laid. The new buildings were occupied in '62 and '63 by over seven hundred sick and wounded soldiers of the Civil War, under the supervision of Dr. Richard Cleeman. It was in 1860 that Miss Hollingsworth built the beautiful Chapel and Miss Wilhelmina Smith and her brother, George Washington Smith, endowed the Chaplaincy. The east wing was built in 1873 and in 1889 the family of Mr. George L. Harrison gave the building and endowment for the care of incurables. In 1893 the estate of Miss Sarah E. Ingersoll provided the operating building. In '96 the Aspinwall building was added and in '99 the Nurses' Home erected by the munificence of the Misses Blanchard. In 1906 the former Mission building was occupied as the Dispensary and Mr. James Logan Fisher erected the building for contagious cases.

Recalling in particular the leadership of Bishops Potter, Stephens and Whitaker, the address emphasized the three notes of initiative, sacrifice and spirituality, which challenge us in carrying on the blessed enterprise.

Mr. Robert L. Montgomery followed with a vivid statement of the purposes of the Diocesan Campaign, and in particular of the Call for $700,000 to improve the equipment of the hospital.

At five o'clock the company left the Chapel and proceeded across the ground to the Nurses' Home. Dr. Vernon and the full-vested choir of St. Mark's Church with the Rev. Mr. Dennison, led the way singing the Litany. Arriving at the four-story new wing of the Home, Bishop Garland, knocking at the doors which were thereupon opened by the Chaplain, conducted brief offices of Benediction on each floor. The beautiful new wing is a memorial to the late John A. Brown, Jr., presented by his widow; and supplies much needed accommodations for the nurses.

At the close of the exercises Mrs. Brown and her associates of the Ladies' Committee of the hospital served the guests with light refreshments.

Altogether it was a memorable occasion for all in attendance; and should stimulate a new and wider enthusiasm for our beloved hospital.

Special and Stated Meetings in December

Following is a list of scheduled meetings of various organizations of the Church to be held in December, according to dates filed at the Church House.

Where places of meetings are not given the meetings will be in the Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Mondays.—The Clerical Brotherhood, 11.30 A. M.

Wednesdays.—Officers of Woman's Auxiliary of Diocese, 12.30 P. M.

Thursdays.—Church Normal School, 5.15 to 10 P. M. (autumn semester ends December 15th).

MONTHLY AND OTHER STATED MEETINGS

First Monday.—Department Missions, 4 P. M.; Deaconess House Board, 11 A. M., 708 Spruce St.

First Tuesday.—Standing Committee, 4 P. M.; Managers, Church Home for Children, 11 A. M., at the Home.

First Wednesday.—Colored Committee, Woman's Auxiliary, 10.30 A. M.; Diocesan Committee, Woman's Auxiliary, 10.30 A. M., Holy Trinity Parish House.

Second Monday.—Church Schools Commission, 4 P. M.; Jewish Committee, 2.30 P. M.; Churchwoman's Club, Advancement Society, 4 P. M.

Second Tuesday.—Italian Committee, 10.30 A. M.; Associates Deaconess House, 11 A. M., 708 Spruce St.; St. Agnes' House, 4.30 P. M.; Church Farm School Managers, 11 A. M., at School;

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The Bishops' Crusade

Preparations for The Bishops' Crusade in the Diocese have been going on quietly. There has been formed a Diocesan Commission, whose names appear elsewhere in this article. Messages have been sent to all the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese, in order that the preparation for the Diocesan Missions may extend throughout the Diocese and in order that the members of our Parishes may be interested and ready for the follow-up work.

Bishop Garland set aside St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, as a day of preparation and prayer. On this day services were held in Holy Trinity Church, the Bishop officiating in the morning, and from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon three separate conferences were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Caley, the Rev. Dr. Vernon and by the writer.

Let us clearly understand what we are trying to do. In this Diocese, as in every Diocese in the country, during the Epiphany season Missions will be conducted in several central places which all the Clergy of the Diocese and as many laymen and laywomen as possible will be asked to attend. The purpose of these Missions is to make us realize the importance of our work, to make us see our failures and to bring us to a new consecration. We all realize how far short we have come of our ideals and desires in connection with the spiritual work of the Church. If those of us who are leaders can thus wait upon God and receive the message brought to us, we will certainly be ready to go back to our Parishes and have, each one of us, a Mission there.

The National Commission on Evangelism, under whose direction The Bishops' Crusade is being conducted throughout the whole Church, was created by General Convention in 1925. This was in response to a widespread appeal from all parts of the Church for a new emphasis upon the value of and necessity of incorporating personal evangelism in the life of the membership of the Church.

As indicating the purpose and objectives of this effort throughout the whole Church, the initial step of which is The Bishops' Crusade, the National Commission sets forth the following: "A Call to Rededication to Jesus Christ in Life and Service," by

1 **C**onfession of Christ openly before men as Lord and Saviour. *"Not only with our lips, but in our lives."*

2 **R**egular daily individual and family prayer. *"Lord, teach us to pray."*

3 **U**nderstanding better the mind of Christ through daily Bible reading. *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."*

4 **S**eeking strength for service through worship and sacrament. *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*

5 **A**ctive service by every member of the Church. *"Laborers together with God."*

6 **D**eveloping a deeper sense of individual responsibility for bringing others to Christ.

"He first findeth his own brother . . . .
He brought him to Jesus."

7 **E**arnest effort to combat worldliness by more consistent practice of the Christian life. *"What do ye more than others?"*

The Commission also issued the following Collects:

Collect of the Commission

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth; grant that by the prayers of thy faithful people a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, that the light of Thy Church may shine forth bright and clear; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect of the Bishops' Crusade

O Lord, we beseech Thee, send Thy blessings on the Bishops' Crusade undertaken in Thy Name. Fill all leaders and workers with Thy Holy Spirit that they may speak their message with burning zeal, touching the hearts of all hearers and bringing them to true repentance and the consecration of their lives to Thy service, that Thy Gospel may be spread and Thy Kingdom enlarged, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We are not yet ready to say who will be the persons to conduct our Pennsylvania Missions. These appointments must evidently be made from the Central office in Washington, as the two hundred and more Bishops and Priests and laymen and laywomen who have volunteered for this service could only be appointed from a central point.

Both the Missioners and the dates will soon be announced. Meanwhile, may we not in our private devotions, as well as in our Churches, ask God's blessing, first upon the Missions in our own Diocese, and upon all of our Churches; and secondly, for a blessing upon the whole Church in our land, and upon this Bishops' Crusade, which in accord with the action of the General Convention will be held in every Diocese in the land.

The Commission on The Bishops' Crusade in our own Diocese comprises the following Clergy, laymen and laywomen:

Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Chairman; Rev. L. N. Caley, Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Rev. Charles J. Harriman, Rev. H. St. Clair Hathaway, Rev. Albert H. Lucas, Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, Rev. Frank L. Vernon; Messrs. Edward H. Bonsall, Franklin Spencer Edmonds, Samuel H. Warnock; Mrs. C. S. Berger, Mrs. William J. Haines, Miss Margaret H. Maule, Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast and Miss Helen C. Washburn.

On behalf of the Diocesan Commission
On The Bishops' Crusade.

FLOYD W. TOMKINS,
Chairman.

Evangelistic Experience in One Parish

By the Rev. Frank Goostray

We Episcopalians love the services of our Church. But many of us may remember a time when we did not love them. And many of us may forget that our present attitude toward them has been the result of years of attendance and tender association. In other words, our love for the formal Episcopalian Church service has been a matter of growth.

Most Rectors, I am sure, in urging their people to do home missionary service have met many times with the response, "I have brought friend after friend to our services and they do not like them." The writer of this article himself has found in following up one whom he has finally gotten into the Church services that his man has gone away from the service with no great desire or inclination to return. Our regular services in the Church, as far as one Rector's experience goes, are poor points of contact with the outsider.

With this last thought in mind and also with the feeling that our Lenten mid-week services were not the power that they should be, we decided in the Lent of 1925 to make a venture. Until that time we had been in the habit of having for our Wednesday evening services simply the Litany and sermon, and our average attendance for each service was seventy-five. In one recent year the average attendance was fifty. Some years we had visiting guest preachers; other years the resident clergy preached. The preacher apparently made no difference in the attendance.

Because of our feeling that a great many more people and even those outside our own local Church ought to be reached and so spiritually refreshed and invigorated by these services we decided to try a different kind of service which we hoped would accomplish the desired end. The change constituted having the Litany as usual and ten minutes later having as a separate service a service of a more informal nature. The attendance in the first year of these services increased to an average of two hundred fifty. In the second year it increased to an average of almost three hundred. Our own people brought outsiders and the outsiders came again with little or no persuasion from without. They not only came again to the mid-week services but were led into coming to the regular Church services. For it was not only our aim to provide an appealing service for those outside the Church but to make the service an educating process that they might better understand and appreciate the regular formal service of the Church. And we have many worshippers with us today with whom we made our first contact in these informal services.

In order that the reader may have an idea of the degree of informality of the service I might say that it included the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, one Psalm, one Lesson, Sermon, Intercessory Prayers made at the request of individuals in the congregation, and Gospel Hymns from our Mission Hymnal. Unquestionably the intercessory prayer was a powerful factor in the success of these services. There were requests for prayers of many natures. I doubt whether anything has ever opened my eyes to the hearts of people in general and to the hearts of my own congregation as have these requests. It was convincing that while we had been looking on the other denominations and their increasing inclination for a liturgical service that we ourselves were blind to the fact that their more or less informal prayer had a most peculiar value which we lacked.

Our success in these Lenten mid-week services led us to a further venture in October of this year which took the form of a week of intensive evangelism. On each of six consecutive nights we had a service similar in nature to the mid-week Lenten service. There was, however, one vital addition. With the permission of Bishop Garland three of our lay-folk made testimonies as to what some particular phase of their religious life meant to them. These persons were chosen after a conference with the Rector and because he felt that they were keenly aware of the fact that there were certain great, vital things in their lives because of their religion. The only other innovation in this service was the adoption of the method of our recent visitors from the Church Army of England of using cards for those who would consecrate or reconsecrate their lives to God. On each night except the last the cards were given to those who requested them of the Rector at the close of the service. Many persons took advantage of this opportunity. On the last night those who desired to consecrate or reconsecrate their lives to God were given an opportunity to do it before the close of the service in the presence of the entire congregation by coming forward during the singing of one of the hymns. At least fifty persons, many of them members of our own Church, took advantage of this opportunity to make their witness before men.

We are firmly and unreservedly convinced that this particular type of evangelistic service has provided something which our regular service failed to provide and which we felt was very definitely needed. Certainly the truth of this is proven by the fact that the average attendance of our Sunday services since this week of intensive evangelism has increased one hundred per Sunday over the corresponding period of last year.

CONFERENCE ON CHURCH MUSIC ATTRACTS MANY

The second Annual Conference on Church Music, arranged by our Diocesan Commission, was held Monday, November 15th. The attendance was so large that the Church House could not accommodate both the Conference and the serving of the supper; and through the courtesy of Dr. Tomkins the meeting was held in Holy Trinity Parish House.

The Rev. G. Herbert Dennison, Chairman of the Commission on Music, called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, choirmaster of St. Peter's, Philadelphia, who made an address on "Boy Choir Work," illustrating certain points with the assistance of some boys from his choir. Mr. William T. Timmins, choirmaster of St. Paul's, Elkins Park, addressed the Conference on the subject of "Mixed Choir Work." Both of these addresses were followed by informal discussions, and the points brought out by the speakers were so helpful that we hope to give a fuller report in our next issue.

After supper, served in the Church House, the Conference adjourned to St. Mark's Church for Choral Evensong. The address was given by the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, in which was stressed the ideal of music as art expressing truth, beauty and goodness in worship. In closing, Dr. Mockridge suggested some ways in which the Commission might help to raise the standard of music in the Diocese.

The total attendance of nearly one hundred and fifty was quite representative of the Diocese,—twenty-seven Parishes within the city limits, and fifteen outside, including such distant points as Phoenixville, Royersford and Valley Forge.

The Commission on Music is now planning to hold three or four sectional or Convocational Conferences during the coming year, with the hope that by this method a more intensive study of Church Music may be made, and a real interest created in this important subject.

The Semi-Centennial of the Lenten Offering

The Story of a Mighty Oak that Grew from a Little Acorn

During the winter of 1877 Mr. John Marston, who was the Superintendent of the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Cynwyd, a suburb of Philadelphia, suggested to the members of his Sunday School that they should give their offerings on the Sundays during Lent that year for the missionary work of the Church. They gladly complied with his suggestion and the first Lenten Offering for Missions presented at Easter in that small suburban church in 1877 amounted to $200. Thus in 1927 we shall commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the starting of the "Lenten Offering for Missions."

Other Sunday Schools in the Diocese of Pennsylvania followed the good example set by St. John's, Cynwyd, especially that of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, of which Mr. George C. Thomas was Superintendent; and next year, that is in 1878, the Offering amounted to $7,070.50. And ever since that date the Sunday School of the Holy Apostles has held the first position of all the Sunday Schools of the Church in its contributions to the Lenten Offering.

Year by year the Sunday Schools of other Dioceses united in the splendid enterprise, until the boys and girls and young people in the Schools and Bible Classes in all our Dioceses and Missionary Districts, not only in the United States, but also in the foreign missionary fields joined in the good work, and so year by year the Lenten Offering increased until in 1926 it reached the sum of over $490,000.

But it is encouraging to know that during the last nine years the growth has been larger than in all the preceding years; for in 1917, after forty years' development, the amount given reached only $192,930.92. Whereas since that date the increase has been consistent and rapid, as can be seen in the following table:

1918	$196,084.41
1919	243,751.47
1920	250,000.00
1921	288,180.00
1922	290,000.00
1923	401,700.00
1924	452,118.00
1925	480,000.00
1926	491,091.00

And surely it ought to fill us with enthusiasm to know that since the inauguration of the Lenten Offering for Missions the Children and Young People of the Church have contributed through this agency considerably over $6,000,000, nearly half of which has been given during the last ten years.

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia last May, the following Resolutions were adopted:

1. WHEREAS, The Sunday School Lenten Offering for Missions was started by the Sunday School of St. John's, Cynwyd, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania in the year 1877, and that therefore next year we shall celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of that very important event; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Contribution from the Sunday Schools of the Church through the Lenten Offering has grown to be one of the largest sources of financial help to the Department of Missions of the National Council; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed by the Chairman of the Convention to co-operate with the Diocesan Department of Religious Education to make arrangements for a suitable commemoration in 1927 of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the starting of this most useful Fund, not only in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, but also throughout the whole of the Episcopal Church at home and abroad.

2. WHEREAS, The Service for the Presentation of the Lenten Offering for this year will be held next Sunday, and therefore there will be no time for this Committee to meet prior to that date; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention recommends to the Sunday Schools of the Diocese that they accept the sum of $100,000 as the goal of next year's Offering to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Starting of the Lenten Offering for Missions.

Bishop Garland appointed the following Committee to co-operate with the Diocesan Department of Religious Education to make arrangements for the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary: Rev. L. N. Caley, D.D.; Rev. A. E. Clattenburg, D.D.; Rev. G. H. Toop, D.D.; Mr. E. H. Bonsall, and Mr. G. W. Jacobs. The Rev. Dr. Tuke, the Chairman of the Department of Religious Education, has appointed Rev. F. E. Seymour, Rev. W. N. Parker, Rev. B. N. Bird, Miss Lily Cheston, and Miss Helen C. Washburn to represent that organization. The Diocese of Pennsylvania has accepted, through its representatives, as its goal for the Lenten Offering of 1927 the sum suggested by the Diocesan Convention of $100,000, which is an increase of 33 per cent over their Offering for 1926. How splendid it would be if all the Dioceses would seek to increase their Offering by a similar amount, *and attain their goal.*

However, amid all our rejoicing concerning the Lenten Offering there is one great evil connected therewith which ought to be corrected, and we know of no better way of celebrating its semi-centennial than by removing this evil. We are informed by the Church Missions House, New York, that so many of the Dioceses and Parishes keep so large a proportion of the Lenten Offering for their own use that only a little more than half is contributed for the purpose for which it is ostensibly given. Surely it is wrong to use the missionary boxes, on which is printed that the contributions placed therein "are for the missionary work of the Church under the direction of the National Council," for any other purpose. There are not many Parishes in our Diocese that thus misappropriates the funds given for the Lenten Offering; but there are some. And could there be any better way to commemorate the Jubilee Year in our Diocese than for the whole Offering in every Parish and Mission to be given for the Lenten Offering for Missions?

To emphasize the educational value of the Lenten Offering, and as an incentive to more intelligent giving, arrangements are being made to hold a Missionary Exhibition early in Lent in some central location in Philadelphia. This will last three days, and will consist of different courts representing the various fields of missionary work carried on by the Church at home and abroad. These courts will contain a collection of curios and exhibits representing the customs of the people in the countries where the Missionary work is conducted. There will also be lantern lectures and pageants illustrating certain phases of the evangelistic, educational, and medical aspects of the great enterprise.

In order to permanently commemorate this Fiftieth Anniversary, a special fund of $100,000 is to be raised to erect a Children's Ward in St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, in which will be placed a memorial tablet to Mr. John Marston, who originated the idea of the Lenten Offering, and to Mr. George C. Thomas, who gave it National impetus. It is suggested that whatever we give over what we gave as a Diocese in the Offering of 1926 shall be devoted to that Children's Ward; therefore let us do the best we can to make our Offering in 1927 considerably larger than ever before, both for the benefit of the suffering children in China, and to commemorate the splendid work done by those two noble laymen of our own Diocese.

The National Semi-Centennial Service is to be held in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on Sunday, either May 8th or June 5th, at 3.00 P. M., when the Rt. Rev. John G. Murray, D.D., the Presiding Bishop of the Church, has kindly

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CHRISTMAS AS A PROPHECY

We are so accustomed to it that we do not realize what a passing strange celestial phenomenon is annually visible in Christian lands at this time of the year. Not the glad hurrying crowds in the streets, nor the bright shops crowded with gifts for them to buy; not the inspiring services in the churches, nor the beautiful carols carried far on the frosty air; not the happy parties for the children, nor the return of sons and daughters to the old hearth that the family circle of other days may be restored again—none of these is so strange to contemplate as the sudden expansion of spirit in unlikely men that impels them to do such things.

Why do not only good Christian people celebrate Christmas in all these delightful ways, but unbelievers and infidels, the wicked as well as the virtuous? Why do enemies cease from fighting at Christmas and forgive old injuries? Why does this day make the surly smile graciously, and the crabbed grow mellow for a while, and the misers loosen their purse strings, and the contentious cease from troubling?

The usual answer is that they are caught by the contagion and do as Christian people do. That is no doubt true: virtue is fortunately contagious as well as vice and goodness begets competition in goodness. But there must be more than the contagion of example. The giving of gifts and forgiving of enemies by men who all the rest of the year are ruled by the code of the jungle, ruthless and relentless, are likely evidences that something that has been till then suppressed in their hearts has at last found an avenue of escape. Maybe there has been kept prisoner in the heart of these men for months a love for God and men which Christmas releases, and which rejoices to get free to stretch the wings of its suppressed and cramped spirit.

This annual display of good will on the part of men and women who are neither Christian in name nor in fact during the rest of the year ought to convince the most cynical that the human heart has possibilities that are magnificent and prophetic. For, as Joseph Fort Newton says, Christmas celebrations are prophetic. Not only was the first Christmas foretold in prophecy, but every Christmas season when men forget self and show forth their good will is a prophecy of the universal peace and good will which shall one day reign on earth. If men can be Christlike on one day in the year, if peace and good-will can reign for a season at Christmas, the angel's words will come true. "How far off it seems today," writes Dr. Newton. "Yet it will come true. The Christian era lies ahead of us."

EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM

The Bishops' Crusade is the name given to an evangelistic movement first suggested by the Bishops and projected by the National Committee on Evangelism; the initial step, they say, in a vast concerted effort to be made in Epiphany 1927 "to bring souls to Christ" and to convert communicants who have been more or less lax in the observance of their Confirmation vows. The necessity of such special efforts to supplement the steady and faithful labor of the parochial clergy who year in and year out are struggling along toward the same goal, is as readily admitted as the necessity for Lent though the Prayer Book contains an exhortation to repent at every service on every Sunday.

And this campaign has not only been conceived in a wise understanding of our needs but has been most intelligently planned. For unlike many evangelistic movements which have rapidly evaporated because they were only super-heated emotionalism, it has been planned in such a way that the results will be gained by an appeal to the intellect, and will be conserved by adequate following up. Of course, there will be an emotional appeal. We need hardly fear, however, in the Church that that will be overdone. Indeed modern psychology with its startling revelation of the fact that man is virtually controlled by his hidden and unsuspected instincts and the emotions that gather around them rather than by his intellect has convinced many of our leaders that in the past fifty years too little emphasis has been placed upon emotion in our Church services. But in this campaign the appeal to the springs of feeling will be preceded by an educational campaign. During Advent the clergy are asked to preach upon the great fundamental doctrines of the Church as a preliminary to the actual campaign in Epiphany.

There are vast possibilities for good in this movement. Under God's guidance it may result in a real deepening of the spiritual life of thousands of loyal Church people and the restoration to fellowship of many who have lapsed in their allegiance. Perhaps it may mark the beginning of the migration of the mass of our people back to God, which we have been expecting since the close of the War. But even if only one or two objectives of the Crusade should be won, we

would have reason to be profoundly encouraged. What a transformation it would work if, for example, objective two, "Regular daily individual and family prayer," were gained, or if number four, "Seeking strength through worship and sacrament to serve humanity," were won! Elsewhere in this issue there is printed an article by the Rev. Frank Goostray which shows what evangelism has done in his Parish, the Free Church of St. John. Let us support the Crusade.

RELIGION AND INSANITY

Dean Hathaway's funny story of the rector who always kept a monkey-wrench in his desk because there were so many "loose nuts" in his Parish reflects the opinions common among men that there is often something queer about religious people and that religion is responsible for the unbalancing of many minds. That has long been a popular belief, especially among the intelligentsia, the Greenwich Villagers all over the country—who, by the way, are often such "queer ducks" themselves. But like other hoary superstitions too hastily accepted as orthodoxy and too long respected for its age, it has recently been attacked and denied by some of those best qualified to estimate its worth. Thus Professor Schou, a Copenhagen alienist, is reported to have said that nowadays it is the general opinion among alienists that religion is a protection and defense against insanity. And Dr. Hyslop, of London, who has devoted his whole life to the care of the insane, declares that "constant and simple prayer must be given the first place among the hygienic resources that work against mental disorders, depressed conditions and all the painful consequences of a tortured mind." In addition, these eminent authorities suggest the use of prayer in church for the insane and commend just such work as our City Mission is doing in holding services at Byberry. What a long stride forward from the day when John Wesley was forbidden by the English government to preach in the prisons "lest the prisoners should be taken with enthusiasm and then fall into actual insanity."

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promised to preside, and all the members of the National Council are asked to attend. It is also hoped that a representative from each Diocese of the American Church at home and abroad will be present.

It is expected that there will be a large vested choir on the stage to lead the singing, and that choruses in costume representing China, Japan, the Indians, and the Negroes, will sing stirring missionary hymns. More complete details will be announced later.

The National Council in New York is gladly using its influence to make the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lenten Offering to be generally recognized throughout the Church, and has appointed a Committee consisting of the Rev. J. W. Suter, Jr., Rev. G. W. Hobbs, Dr. J. W. Wood and Miss F. Withers to co-operate with a Committee appointed by Bishop Garland to represent this Diocese, consisting of Rev. L. N. Caley, Rev. F. E. Seymour, Mrs. John Loman, and Mr. G. W. Jacobs. At the first meeting of this Joint Committee the following Resolutions were passed:

"That the Dioceses and districts be asked to claim credit for the Lenten Offering of 1927 for only the amount of the Lenten Offering given in 1926. Over and above this amount, the remainder to be a Special, not to count upon the Quota, and designated for the Children's Ward, St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai."

"That the Service in Philadelphia be recognized as the National Semi-Centennial Service."

Within St. John's Church, Cynwyd, is a memorial tablet that bears the following inscription:

The Originator of the Lenten Offering

MR. JOHN MARSTON

Entered into Rest January 31, 1910
"Their Works Do Follow Them."

How appropriate are the words of that text, for the most splendid and lasting memorial to Mr. John Marston is the magnificent work of the Church that has been carried on for nearly fifty years by the funds contributed through the Lenten Offering for Missions.

ALL HALLOWS, WYNCOTE, COMMUNITY HOUSE

Work has been begun on the new $100,000 Parish and Community House at All Hallows, Wyncote. The building will be two stories and basement, built of McKinley stone with brick and half timber. The main floor will contain meeting rooms, a dining room, library and kitchen, while the second floor will contain a large auditorium with gallery, a stage, a serving kitchen, and dressing rooms. There will be a cloister connecting with the choir-room of the church which will be an especially beautiful architectural feature. It is the purpose of the Rector, Rev. C. C. Silvester, and the Vestry of All Hallows to provide a building that will be not only a Parish House for their own Parish activities, but also a community center for Wyncote, which the various organizations of the village may use as their meeting place.

THE BISHOP LAYS CORNER STONES FOR NEW CHURCH AND NEW PARISH HOUSE

The service of the laying of the corner-stones of the new church and the parish house of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Oak Road, Queen Lane Manor, Germantown, took place on Saturday afternoon, October 30th. Bishop Garland officiated, assisted by the Rev. James DeWolf Perry, D.D., Rev. A. R. Van Meter, Dean of the Convocation of Germantown, and the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. William Y. Edwards. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation and the clergy of the Diocese.

The church is a memorial to the late Henry W. and Alice P. Brown. Mr. Henry W. Brown for some years past wanted to build a church in memory of his wife in Queen Lane Manor, but failing health prevented the realization of this ideal in his lifetime. His three surviving sons, Reynolds D. Brown, Henry I. Brown and Theodore E. Brown, are carrying out their father's desire with funds left in his will. The Parish House is being erected by the congregation on the ground adjoining the church, given by the members of the Brown family.

The ground for the new church is on the west side of Oak Road near Midvale Avenue. It has a frontage of 160 feet and a depth of 215 feet. About July 1st ground was broken for the new church. It will have a seating capacity of 300. While the exterior is Colonial in type, the interior will be modern in every detail, including comfortable pews. There will be a deep chancel with choir stalls on each side and a fine organ.

CONFIRMATION APPOINTMENTS DECEMBER-JANUARY

December 1.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Norristown, St. John's.

December 5.—Second Sunday in Advent.
A. M.—Stonehurst, St. Giles.
Evg.—Phila., St. Barnabas, Germantown.

December 12.—Third Sunday in Advent.
A. M.—Phila., St. Alban.
Evg.—Phila., St. Timothy, Roxborough.

December 15.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Michael, Germantown.

December 17.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., St. David's, Manayunk.

December 19.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
A. M.—ORDINATION.
Evg.—Phila., St. Peter, Germantown.

December 22.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Stephen, Bridesburg.

December 26.—First Sunday after Christmas.
A. M.—Bristol, St. James.
P. M.—Phila., Advent (Polish).

January 2.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
A. M.—Phila., St. Stephen, Wissahickon.
Evg.—Phila., St. John Free.

January 5.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., Good Shepherd, Queen Lane.

January 7.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Clement.

January 9.—First Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., St. Paul, Aramingo.
Evg.—Phila., St. Nathaniel.

January 12.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., Holy Innocents, Tacony.

January 14.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Augustine.

January 16.—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., St. Gabriel.
Evg.—Phila., Messiah, Port Richmond.

January 19.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., House of Prayer, Branchtown.

January 21.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., Emmanuel, Kensington.

January 23.—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., St. Barnabas, Kensington.
P. M.—Phila., All Souls.

January 26.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Phila., Phillips Brooks Chapel.

January 28.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., St. Michael Chapel.

January 30.—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., Christ Church, Franklinville.
Evg.—Phila., St. Ambrose.

ST. JUDE-NATIVITY HOLDS ITS 82ND ANNIVERSARY

The late John E. Baird was long a leader of the Brotherhood in Philadelphia. It is interesting to members thereof as well as to other Church folk that the Parish House of St. Jude and the Nativity at Eleventh and Mount Vernon Streets, erected by Mr. Baird during his lifetime, has recently been given the name of The Baird Memorial.

This was announced by the present rector, the Rev. John L. Saunders, at the morning service on Sunday, October anniversary of the Parish was observed. Mr. Saunders giving a review of its history. At the afternoon service Bishop DuMoulin, acting for Bishop Garland, administered the rite of confirmation to a class of candidates.

The writer was an appreciative guest at the Men's Club dinner, the twenty-first annual affair of the men of St. Jude and the Nativity, on Thursday, November 11th, when the second largest number ever present at a similar dinner were there—eighty-five in number. Speakers were Dr. John W. Wood, of the National Council, the guest of honor; Harry E. Paisley, Treasurer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway; Abraham Solomon, President of the Reading Craftsmen's Club, whose headquarters building is next door to the Parish House; the Rev. J. J. D. Hall, long of Galilee Mission; the Rev. H. Cresson McHenry, General Secretary of the Episcopal City Mission, and others. Joseph A. Cuza, President of the Men's Club and also Director of the Brotherhood Chapter, was toastmaster for the occasion, and the pleasure of the evening was heightened by much singing on the part of those present, and especially by a number of well-rendered solos by Mr. Sollinger and Mr. Peale, accompanied by Mr. Murphy, the organist and choirmaster.

Mr. Saunders, in a ringing address, challenged the men of his Parish to stand by him in the maintenance of this great church in this important but ever-changing field, and he invoked also the coöperation of the members of the Reading Craftsmen's Club, whose headquarters so closely neighbored the Church and Parish House.

If the enthusiasm and interest in church affairs displayed at this dinner are an index of what may be foretold of St. Jude and the Nativity, there are days of accomplishment and thanksgiving in store for this fine old Parish.

G. H. R.

A generous Armenian in New York, as a memorial to his son and his brother, is carrying the expenses of eleven boys for five years in the Armenian Seminary in Jerusalem, where the Rev. C. T. Bridgeman is teaching.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AT GRACE, WEST PHILA.

Grace Church, Girard and Leidy Avenues, celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its founding with special services on Sunday, November 14th. The Rector preached an anniversary sermon at the morning service and gave an historical sketch of the parish at the evening service. Many former parishioners attended the services. On Thursday evening, November 18th, a Parish reunion was held in the Parish House.

Grace Church has been at its present location only fifteen years. The first few years were spent in a small chapel on Eleventh Street above Vine, in the district then known as Penn Township. In 1833 a larger and finer church was in use for about eighty years and is still standing, although no longer used for church purposes.

Within a decade Grace Church became the third largest Parish in the Diocese. The services were crowded and both the congregation and Sunday School rapidly increased in membership. A missionary spirit pervaded the congregation and several struggling Parishes at distant points in the State were aided. The strength of the Parish organizations was often spoken of.

Toward the end of the last century the neighborhood at Twelfth Street became exclusively one of business and industry. The property was sold and fifteen years ago the congregation moved to Girard and Leidy Avenues, where for twenty-five years a thriving chapel work had been carried on.

During the first eight years there was a succession of rectors, among whom was the Rev. B. B. Smith, who two years after leaving Grace Church became Bishop of Kentucky and later Presiding Bishop. The real growth of the Parish began with the rectorship of Rev. Dr. Wm. Suddards, who was in charge for nearly fifty years. The Rev. Reese F. Alsop was rector from 1881 to 1886; the Rev. Dr. James S. Stone, now Rector Emeritus of St. James' Church, Chicago, from 1886 to 1894; the Rev. Dr. H. Richard Harris, who died two years ago, was Rector for nearly thirty years. The present rector, the Rev John R. Huggins, has been in charge a little more than a year.

SHALL WE BURN OUR CHURCHES?

One cold Sunday morning fifteen people came to a service in a certain church. During the service the church caught fire. The news spread that the church was burning. Scores of people who had remained at home heard the news, rushed to the scene, and stood up for two hours in snow a foot deep, in zero weather, to watch the church burn.

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Free and Open Church, 4 P. M.; Female Episcopal Society, St. James Guild House, 2210 Sansom St., 12 noon.

Second Wednesday.—Domestic Committee, 10.30 A. M.; Senior Members Girls' Friendly, 6 P. M.

Second Thursday.—St. Martha's House, 11 A. M.; Executive Council of Diocese, 3.30 P. M.

Third Monday.—Diocesan Altar Guild, 2.30 P. M.; Board of Directors Church Community House, 8 P. M., at Morrisville, Pa.

Third Tuesday.—City Mission, 4 P. M.

Third Wednesday.—Foreign Committee, Woman's Auxiliary, 10 A. M.; Church Farm School Trustees, 3 P. M., at School.

Third Thursday.—Trustees of Diocese, 3.30 P. M.

Fourth Monday.—Department Christian Social Service and Institutions, 3.30 P. M.

Fourth Tuesday.—Department of Religious Education, 3.30 P. M.

Fourth Wednesday.—Indian Hope, Woman's Auxiliary, 11 A. M.

OFFICIALS OF U. G. I. TO MARK BIRTHPLACE IN THIS CITY OF FAMILIAR CHURCH HYMN

The United Gas Improvement Company of this city, which includes many Churchmen among its officers and employes, has decided to erect a bronze tablet to mark the birthplace of the familiar hymn, "He Leadeth Me," that has been a source of spiritual comfort to tens of thousand of Christian people in all lands for nearly thirty-five years.

Outside of a relatively small group of Church members it may not be generally known that the hymn was written in Philadelphia in an old brownstone dwelling at 1409 Arch Street, since torn down to make way for the new addition to the U. G. I. building at the northwest corner of Broad and Arch Streets.

In our Church Hymnal "He Leadeth Me" has had a place for many years. It gives the author's name and also notes it was written by him in 1862. The late Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Gilmore, a distinguished minister of the Baptist Communion, wrote the words of the hymn during the dark period of the Civil War, when he was supplying the pulpit of the old First Baptist Church which at that time and for many years after stood at the corner of Broad and Arch Streets where the gas company's present building stands. The house in which it was written was the home of one of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. James M. Bennett, one of the former editors of THE CHURCH NEWS, and for a number of years since connected with the U. G. I. official family, drew the attention of the company's officers to the fact that one of the buildings they had purchased to form an addition to the present U. G. I. building was where "He Leadeth Me" had been written. It had been brought to Mr. Bennett's attention by the late Rev. Dr. John Gordon, a widely known and greatly beloved minister of the Baptist Communion, a short time before Dr. Gordon's death in August, 1925. Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, then President of the U. G. I. and now Chairman of the Board of Directors, said: "If what Dr. Gordon says is verified the company will erect a permanent mark of the birthplace of the hymn." An inquiry resulted in a complete verification, so this large public utility corporation is now to erect a bronze memorial to mark the place where the famous hymn was written, the name of its author, together with the fact that where the company's great office building stands was the home of the First Baptist Church for nearly thirty years.

THE SUPPLY SHOP IS READY TO MEET CHRISTMAS NEEDS

In the Supply Bureau of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Church House Annex, in quiet and comfortable surroundings, there is a Bazaar where one may select without any hurry many inexpensive and attractive gifts for the Christmas season of remembrance. Beautiful Christmas wrappings, seals and tapes, as well as boxes, may be had. Among the gifts on display are handkerchiefs, pottery, children's toys and many novelties. On Wednesdays the Bazaar makes a specialty of home-made cake and candy. Orders may be given for Christmas candies for school festivals. Donations will be gladly received.

CHURCH CLUB DINNER

Bishop Fiske, of Central New York, and Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, a prominent layman of Washington, D. C., were the visiting guest speakers at the Annual Dinner of the Church Club on Thursday night, November 18, in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

Bishop Fiske's topic was "The Attitude of the Younger Generation to Religion," while Dr. Glazebrook spoke on "Every Churchman an Evangelist." The Washington layman made a strong appeal to every layman to be a personal evangelist and to go out and win souls for Christ. Before the special addresses the club's president, Mr. John B. Lear, reviewed the year's work of the club and Bishop Garland delivered the formal "greeting."

Bishop Fiske declared that in his opinion the younger generation is not as bad as many think it is. "From my observation," he said, "young people today are determined to be natural, free from cant, open, democratic. They are forever asking the 'Why' of everything. They want to know all the new knowledge. I sometimes wonder whether it may not be an utter lack of reality in many church services that is responsible for many young people not being attracted to religion."

Describing a certain church service the Bishop said, "There was nothing deader than that service this side of the Dead Sea. Many of the congregation stood in a sort of listless boredom while the choir sang a ten-minute Te Deum. I wonder whether we haven't drifted into a religion of other days with which many of our young people are out of sympathy and understanding because it doesn't carry any challenge to adventure."

INVITATION DECLINED

In Chicago, the Bishop of London found a clergyman whom he had ordained in London twenty years ago, and another who was on a rugby team organized by the Bishop, then a curate, forty years ago. According to a Chicago newspaper item the Bishop of London, when he came to this country in 1907, to celebrate the founding of the Jamestown settlement in 1607, declined an invitation to come to New England in 1912, because, he said, the Pilgrim Fathers had come in 1612 to escape from the Bishop of London and he thought it wouldn't be very jolly of him to turn up there 300 years later.

Bishop Mosher confirmed twenty-six Chinese in September at St. Stephen's Chinese Mission, Manila.

A motion picture has been made showing the work of the Boston City Mission, two of the staff acting as leading characters in the story.

How is it with your ship? Is it much tossed about? That is an inferior question as compared with the inquiry—"Is Christ on board?"—*Joseph Parker.*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Church School Opening Service."—An article by Rev. Maurice Clarke on "The Church School Opening Service" (*Anglican Theological Review,* October, 1926) gives a careful study of the service, its objectives and its character.

Among the important points mentioned are the following:

1. The Service should be held in Church.
2. The Service should be carefully prepared and most reverently conducted.
3. Hymns and Prayers should be chosen which are suitable to children and young people and are true of their own experiences.

The Commission on Church Music has been asked to prepare lists of suitable and seasonal hymns and carols. These lists will appear in the Bulletins issued by the Commission on Church Schools.

"Building for Religious Education" is no metaphorical term only, but an architectural ideal. Parochial building committees contemplating the erection of a new Parish House, or the remodelling of an existent one, should seriously study building plans to note their fitness for educational purposes first and their adaptability to other uses second. Most of our present Parish buildings were constructed for assembly and social purposes primarily and the school must be fitted in somehow.

If our boys and girls are to be vitally interested in Religious Education we must surround them with physical conditions which merit the same respect with which they regard secular education.

New Books on Religious Education.—Every teacher should read "Creative Teaching," by Rev. J. W. Suter, Jr. Every teacher and supervisor of teaching should read "Dynamics of Teaching," Henry Edward Tralle. Every rector and officer of the Church Schools should read "Principles of Religious Education," by Emme and Stevick. These books may be borrowed from the Lending Library, Room 30, Church House.

A series of luncheon Conferences on Religious Education for Pastors and others interested in the subject, will be held at intervals during the winter.

The first was held on Monday, November 15th, in the Y. M. C. A., at which about 100 persons were present, including six of our own clergy. The speaker, Mr. Hugh S. Magill, Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, gave a most impressive address.

THE SUN-DIAL

Here I stand, 'mid garden flowers,
To record the sunny hours,
And to tell you in the rain
That fine days will come again.

For I measure but sunshine,
Not the dark and gloomy time,
Though the latter oft will come,
I prefer the morning sun.

When our life seems filled with woe,
And the tears of sorrow flow,
We could often learn a lot
In this quiet garden spot.

As we think of joy and love
That God showers from above,
Yes—the clouds will pass away,
There will shine a brighter day.

And though tempests round me roll,
From the garden of my soul,
May Thy Peace Lord ne'er depart,
Keep a Sun-dial in my heart.

THOMAS J. GARLAND.

LYCH GATE IS PRESENTED TO ST. JOHN'S, LANSDOWNE

Mr. Alexander Wilson, Jr., has made another gift to St. John's Church, Lansdowne. Three years ago he presented the Parish with the very valuable piece of property on Lansdowne Avenue, thus providing an entrance to the Church property from the east. In order that this new entrance may be suitably marked and beautified, Mr. Wilson has presented St. John's with a Lych gate, which is now being erected in commemoration of the services rendered by the Rev. Dr. Powell as rector of the Parish during the years 1898-1903.

AMERICAN CHURCH SERIES LESSONS NOW IN SPANISH

Church School pupils in Cuba, Porto Rico and Mexico can now study "The American Church Series" of Lessons in their own language, as an edition for the Beginners' and the Junior Departments has just been published by George W. Jacobs & Co.

The lessons were translated from the English edition by Bishop Ferrando, who was released from his duties by the last General Convention in order that he might translate the Prayer Book into Spanish, together with such additional lesson material as might be decided upon.

The "Beginners' Lesson Card" and the "Illustrated Uniform Quarterly" were selected as additional lesson material, and are now available for use.

"He who sits on the hearth-stone and growls at fate will become the laughing stock of fate."—*Exchange.*

CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Autumnal meeting of the Society was held in the Assembly Room of the Church House on November 9th, at 4 P. M. A very interesting paper was read by Mr. Edward Biddle on "Early Portrait Painters of America." Mr. Biddle is an expert on such subjects.

The President called attention to the number of books lately presented to the Society and urged the members present to look over their libraries and see if there are not in them many historical books they could give the Society which they have no longer need of and which have no real money value, but which could in that way be indefinitely preserved and prove useful to others.

He also stressed the great need of the Society for a larger income and expressed the hope that the few who are interested in historical matters would secure gifts and legacies.

The Librarian, the Rev. George W. Lamb, presented his report for the last six months as follows:

"Bound Books, 181; Pamphlets, 32; Photographs and Engravings, 29; Portraits, 1; Journals, 7; Small Icon, 1; Book-cases, 2; Placque, 1; Autographs, 2; Tracts, 63; Forms of Services, 12; also a large number of serial, Diocesan and Parish papers.

"During the period of this report (April to November), the value of the Society has been felt in the Church Missions House, where there has been supplied for the *Spirit of Missions* a list of Colonial Churches, established under the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; a similar gift, less complete, having previously supplied the Rev. Dr. Washburn, of our own Diocese, and whose warm commendation was expressed at the April meeting.

"In the Diocese of Ohio, where we have made exchanges of value to both parties; in the Diocese of Virginia, under similar conditions, and historical matter of local value has been gathered from our files for use of clergymen in the Diocese of Harrisburg; and at the present time we are corresponding with a clergyman in Florida, whom we have been able to supply with valuable early history, and to whom two of our volumes have been loaned, he having made the required deposit of $5.00 for the privilege.

"Other exchanges are pending, awaiting the completion of our exchange list, which is now in course of making up."

"Mother," said little Bobby, bursting into the house all out of breath, "there's going to be the deuce to pay down at the grocer's. His wife has got a baby girl and he's had a 'Boy wanted' sign in the window for a week."

Diocesan Commemoration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of Bishop Garland's Consecration an Outstanding Event

The full text of the Congratulatory Address delivered by the Rev. Dr. Grammer at the Anniversary Services on behalf of the Clergy of the Diocese, and the Bishop's reply thereto, are printed in this issue under separate headings. —Ed.

Commemoration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of Bishop Garland's Consecration to the Episcopate was more than a Diocesan event marking completion of another of the many years of faithful and devoted service he has given to the Church in this Diocese as its Bishop.

It was an outstanding tribute to one who holds a warm place in the hearts of the people of a community. Ministers representing virtually all other Protestant communions of Philadelphia and vicinity, by their presence and participation, attested the esteem in which he is held as a leader in the religious life of the community. Prominent citizens in business and professional circles also added their tribute in recognition of his leadership in civic service. And all these joined with our own Clergy and laity of the Church in the Diocese in making the anniversary an opportunity for expression of their love and affection.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, the Lord Bishop of London, who was the special preacher at the Anniversary Service, which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, and who is an old and valued friend of Bishop Garland, added his personal tribute, and extended the greetings of the Diocese of London to the Bishop of the "Mother" Diocese of the American Church.

Following the Service in Holy Trinity, The Clerical Brotherhood and an Auxiliary Committee of Laymen gave a Reception to the Bishop and Mrs. Garland and the Bishop of London in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, when upwards of 3000 persons came from far and near and expressed their congratulations and good wishes.

While the actual anniversary date of the Bishop's Consecration was Thursday, October 28, St. Simon and St. Jude's Day, the formal celebration was held on Wednesday, October 27. This was necessitated by reason of the plans made by the National Council for Bishop Ingram's program of speaking engagements to students in American universities bringing the English prelate to Philadelphia to speak to the University of Pennsylvania boys on October 27 and providing for his departure early in the morning of October 28.

On Wednesday morning Bishop Garland officiated at the formal opening of the new St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel of the Philadelphia Divinity School at which Bishop Ingram preached the sermon. At noon Bishop Ingram talked to the University of Pennsylvania students and in the afternoon he played indoor tennis with the Rev. John R. Hart and some of the students at the Penn Athletic Club.

The Anniversary Service in Holy Trinity Church was held at 5 o'clock. The Church was filled to capacity. Announcement previously made that the entire service would be broadcast enabled thousands to hear the services by radio in their homes. The Clergy, in their vestments, and the ministers representing the other Protestant churches, in their academic gowns, occupied pews in the center. In addition, virtually every Parish in the Diocese was represented by vestrymen, officers of Parish organizations; and Diocesan organizations were represented by their officers.

The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, delivered the Congratulatory Address as the representative of the Clergy, to which the Bishop replied. As stated in the beginning of this article the full text of Dr. Grammer's address and the Bishop's reply are published in this issue under separate headings.

Bishop Darlington, of the Harrisburg Diocese, representing the Provincial Synod then in session at Bethlehem, brought the greetings of the Bishops of the Province and also made announcement that Bishop Garland had been elected that day as a member of the National Council to represent the Province of Washington.

In presenting the Lord Bishop of London to the congregation Bishop Garland pointed out that Bishop Ingram was the 108th Bishop of that ancient English Diocese, and that prior to the Revolution all the American Colonies were under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of London. Then in closing Bishop Garland said: "This was your jurisdiction, my Lord. It is again your jurisdiction. It is turned over to you for today. We are all your children. Your visit has been, and will be, an inspiration to us, and as your children we are ready to listen to any words of counsel you may desire to give us."

Bishop Ingram in his sermon urged his hearers to take home with them the tremendous truth of the nearness of God. "I don't think it is impossible to bear anything; I don't think it is impossible to do anything," he said, "if we really believe in the nearness of God." He urged that all churches, all denominations work together for the good of the community. "Never let your population outrun your churches," he added. "Never let there be a spot where is not some church. We have built and equipped in London no less than 250 churches in fifty years. If you lose your religion, you lose the soul of the city, and one trembles to think of that tremendous loss.

"I think I understand why you love your Bishop so much; why you trust in him as a citizen and as a Bishop. I don't think you could find a more humble man of God than he is. One of our greatest characteristics of human character is humility and a man who, like your Bishop, humbly depends upon God for all he does will certainly not lead you astray."

Following the sermon the Rev. Joseph Manuel, President of The Clerical Brotherhood, on behalf of the Clergy of the Diocese, presented Bishop Garland with a silver loving cup "filled to the brim," as he beautifully expressed it, "with the warm, sincere and tender affection of the Clergy for their 'Father in God.'"

It was a day rich in blessing for the whole Diocese, a splendid evidence of the spirit of co-operation that exists among the Bishop and other Clergy and the laity. Unconsciously, in the Providence of God, the chord that is dominant in Bishop Garland's life and that vibrates through all his relations with both Clergy and laity was struck in the first words of the first hymn that was sung that morning at the opening of the Divinity School Chapel—"Come, labour on." The Bishop has never been one to say "Go, labour on," but "Come, labour on along with me," and the people have responded with a will.

In addition to the Committee appointed by the Clerical Brotherhood to arrange for the Bishop's Consecration Anniversary, and for the Reception at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, following the Anniversary Services in Holy Trinity Church, there was an Auxiliary Committee of prominent laymen of the community.

The Committee of the Clerical Brotherhood comprised:

The Rev. Dr. George Calvert Carter, Chairman; the Rev. Dr. George Cadwalader Foley, the Very Rev. Dean H. St. Clair Hathaway, the Rev. Dr. Edward M. Jefferys, the Rev. Franklin Joiner.

The Auxiliary Committee of Laymen comprised the following:

Craig Atmore, George Fales Baker, William P. Barba, J. Wilson Bayard, T. Broom Belfield, Edward C. Bendere, Edwin N. Benson, Jr., Charles E. Beury, Edward Biddle, Livingston L. Biddle, Samuel T. Bodine, H. H. Bonnell, Edward H. Bonsall, Thomas S. Boyle, Thomas F. Branson, M.D., Henry Ingersoll Brown, J. Crosby Brown, Reynolds D. Brown, Hon. Joseph Buffington.

Joseph Carson, Robert K. Cassatt, D. B. Cummins Catherwood, Burton Chance, M.D., David S. B. Chew, Algernon R. Clapp, Herbert L. Clark, Isaac H. Clotheir, Jr., Joseph H. Coates, John J. Collier, Alfred M. Collins, Jay Cooke, A. J. County, William J. Dickson, William D. Disston, John T. Dorrance, George W. Childs Drexel, Henry H. Ellison, James D. Evans, John Lewis Evans, William Righter Fisher, Bruce Ford, Benjamin West Frazier, George H. Frazier, W. W. Frazier, Jr., Horace Howard Furness, Jr.

Percival H. Granger, Ryland W. Greene, John Gribbel, Horace S. Griffith, George Hall, Edmund G. Hamersly, Irving C. Hancock, Clarence L. Harper, J. A. Harris, Jr., Alfred C. Harrison, Charles C. Harrison, George L. Harrison, Jr., James M. Hazlett, William Macpherson Hornor, Samuel F. Houston, Harold W. How, M.D., James P. Hutchinson, M.D., Sydney E. Hutchinson, S. Pemberton Hutchinson, William H. Hutt.

John H. W. Ingersoll, George W. Jacobs, Harry L. Jefferys, William H Jefferys, Alba B. Johnson, Emory R. Johnson, Henry M. Justi, Hon. W. Freeland Kendrick, Clarence K. Klink, Wilmer Krusen, M.D., Warren P. Laird, Henry C. Lawser, Arthur H. Lea, John B. Lear, Henry d'I. Levick, Edward Stotesbury Lewis, William Draper Lewis, William A. Lippincott, Jr., Stacy B. Lloyd, J. Henry Longmaid.

Hon. J. Willis Martin, Henry W. Marston, Robert V. Marye, Edward B. McCarthy, Robert L. Montgomery, H. McKnight Moore, Jr., Caspar Morris, M.D., Caspar Wistar Morris, Christopher C. Morris, Lawrence J. Morris, Samuel W. Morris, William Paul Morris, Hon. Robert von Moschzisker, Frank H. Moss, John S. Mucklé, Daniel A. Newhall, James C. Newlin, Herbert Old, M.D.

Charles S. W. Packard, John H. Packard, III, John D. Paist, J. Lee Patton, Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, Hon. George Wharton Pepper, George Peterson, Hon. Gifford Pinchot, John O. Platt, George H. Randall, John Hall Rankin, I. Smith Raspin, Samuel Rea, William B. Read, J. Stanley Reeve, George S. Robbins, Louis Barcroft Runk, Benjamin Rush, William Ives Rutter, Jr.

William L. Saunders, II, William Ellis Scull, Horace Wells Sellers, Charles Sinnickson, George R. Sinnickson, Robert Meade Smith, Jr., James Starr, Charles L. Stovell, Thomas B. Stockham, William L. Taylor, M.D., Harry C. Thayer, Samuel Hinds Thomas, Arthur W. Thompson, Robert W. Thompson, J. Barton Townsend, John W. Townsend, Ernest T. Trigg.

Jacques L. Vauclain, Samuel M. Vauclain, Francis King Wainwright, Hon. Henry W. Watson, Frank R. Watson, Joseph Wayne, Jr., Herbert M. Welsh, Samuel Price Wetherill, Jr., Andrew Wheeler, William White, Reid Whitford, Rollin H. Wilbur, David E. Williams, Parker S. Williams, Clement B. Wood, R. Francis Wood, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, George Woodward, M.D., Guier S. Wright.

Congratulatory Address at the Bishop's Anniversary

(Delivered by Rev. Dr. Grammer)

"My Dear Bishop:

"The Committee of the Clerical Brotherhood has honored me with the responsibility of expressing on this interesting occasion the Diocesan sentiments of loyalty, affection and respect. I do so with peculiar pleasure because I feel so strongly personally what I shall say in a representative capacity.

"Well do we recall your Consecration fifteen years ago. The post you were elected to fill, the Suffragan Bishopric in this Diocese, was a most difficult one, for the Suffragan Bishop, though consecrated with the same impressive rites as the Diocesan Bishop, is in fact inducted into but little definite authority. He is one of whom much is expected, while little is given. Into this difficult position you entered with none of the glamour that is apt to surround the unknown or exotic. Your ministry had been almost entirely spent in this Diocese, and you were intimately known by the clergy and laity. Without withdrawing yourself from the old comradeship, you rose simply and naturally to the level of the new responsibilities.

"It is unnecessary to speak at any length of your service as a Suffragan Bishop since the unmistakable seal of approval was set upon it by your election in 1924 to the Bishopric of the Diocese on the first ballot, a testimonial that was especially noteworthy in the Diocese of Pennsylvania where frequent ballotings and long dead-locks have often marked such elections. The enthusiasm with which our choice was welcomed by the city proved that your labors in behalf of a better organization of charity and your outspoken advocacy of social and political righteousness were widely appreciated: that you were recognized as an outstanding citizen as well as an ecclesiastical leader. The Christian ministers of the Churches that cooperate with us in civic and philanthropic enterprises, the Protestant ministers, were especially gratified that one who had always shown himself fraternal and co-operative, who stressed agreements, and not differences, should be our Bishop in the City of Brotherly Love.

"Auspicious as were all these features of your election, none was so full of promise as the fact that you were not the candidate of any one school of thought. A comprehensive Church like ours contains many widely divergent schools of churchmanship, and where men are earnest and outspoken it is only natural that they should endeavor to have the theories and methods that they believe in, gain the approval of the whole body, and control its corporate action. Unfortunately these differences are sometimes so emphasized that the unity of spirit is destroyed and the efficiency of the Church is impaired. Fortunate is the Diocese whose Bishop can be looked upon as Friend and Helper by all schools,—High and Low, Broad and Ritualist; this is our happy condition today. The Candidate of no one party, your election was a great harmonizing influence, and every one who knows the inner working of the Diocese appreciates that this propitious beginning has been continued by your just and wise administration. In the region of thought where truth and reason must decide, we do not want authority to seek to control our understandings. We are glad to have a Bishop who is willing to let men think for themselves; who is content with a unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and relies on the power of the truth to protect the Church's message.

"This Diocesan harmony has borne rich fruit. Your unique knowledge of Diocesan needs and problems has enabled you to direct wisely the awakened

energies of a harmonized Diocese. The great achievement of raising one million dollars for our Divinity School, whose miserable equipment had long called for energetic measures, found in you a mainspring of inspiration and energy as well as a wise pilot. Its success was a cheering augury. Still more remarkable and heartening was the successful "drive" for a quarter of a million dollars in behalf of our Mission in Japan, so prostrated by the earthquake, and so little considered by our Church until this Diocese under your leadership set a splendid example. The great Campaign that you are inaugurating for the better equipment of our Diocesan Institutions and Missions sets before the Diocese a cause in which all schools of churchmanship can unite under your constructive leadership, and meets a fundamental responsibility of the Christian Church. Well do you appreciate that the care of the flock takes precedence of the decoration of the shepherd's crook; that charity and evangelization have claims superior to aesthetics. I am confident that the response will be hearty and unanimous. Already we feel the ground swell of the tide that will lift the Diocesan missions and institutions of benevolence from the shoals and bars where they are stranded and set them afloat for careers of larger usefulness.

"My venerated teacher of theology used to ring the changes on the heart-searching theme, that the basis of the ministerial character is the Christian character. We are grateful that the fierce white light that beats upon exalted seats has only made it more manifest, that the basis of your life is a Christian character. Stanley Baldwin, the English Prime Minister, in his eloquent tribute to Lord Curzon characterizes that great statesman as a man who erected a façade about himself. We are grateful that you are a man who meets people without any such barrier, which is, we realize, often the product of shyness, but is always a limitation in a leader. Nothing draws our people to you more than the impression that you make on all men, that you realize deeply the truth of Browning's great line, 'All service ranks the same with God.' Nothing gives you greater influence in this community than the conviction that you appreciate that no can can be a faithful minister of Jesus Christ and at the same time seek to please men; that you realize that Jesus came into this world not merely to comfort the sorrowing and forgive the sinner, but also to bring deliverance to the captive and destroy the works of the devil; that His gospel has a message for society as well as for individuals, for business as well as for worship, for amusement as well as for benevolence.

"Not light nor easy is the task of him who has to steer the Christian bark amid the hidden reefs and shifting currents of our civilization still so largely Pagan, still worshipping so largely wealth and success, position and power. We are grateful that we have in you a leader so wise, large-hearted, tolerant and just, such a loyal follower of our great Captain and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our prayers go up to God on your behalf. May He bless you, and your loyal-hearted wife, so deeply interested in your work. Long may you preside over this Diocese, and may the other years of your Bishopric be like unto this beginning.

"As a closing word, may I be permitted to anticipate the introduction of our distinguished guest by saying that it is, I am sure, especially gratifying to the whole Diocese to have the Lord Bishop of London with us at the celebration of this anniversary. We want the people of England, and especially the Bishop of the See which in Colonial times exercised Episcopal supervision over this infant colony to know by the unmistakable testimony of this occasion how wisely and lovingly this portion of the old province of Pennsylvania is shepherded and how loyally our leader is followed. By the presence of the Bishop of London today, our words are made to carry far, and the dignity of the occasion is enhanced, and we rejoice to have him with us, for this as well as for other reasons personal to himself."

The Bishop's Reply to the Congratulatory Address

"Dear Dr. Grammer, my Lord, Brethren of the clergy, and laity and friends, when one's heart is touched it is impossible to make a response in fitting words.

"Of the laudatory remarks in this congratulatory address I feel personally unworthy; though undeserved by me, I would cheerfully testify that every word said about my beloved helpmate was true. Love is always a little blind and it is well that love is blind to our shortcomings and our failures and the congratulation is but another tribute to that affectionate relationship that has always existed between the clergy of this Diocese and myself before I was a Bishop and which has grown stronger during the fifteen years of my Episcopate; and also to the loyal coöperation and support received from the laity of this Diocese, men and women; and from my friends and brethren the ministers of the religious forces of this great city who worked shoulder to shoulder with me during the dark and trying days of the war in keeping alive the spiritual ideals instilled in the minds of our people; and to the citizens of this community, many of whom are present.

"You have all been my friends and co-workers and so I receive the tribute as an idealized message of the spirit of your own coöperative service, for anything that has been done has been done by us together. I do not think that there is anyone in this Diocese, Bishop or Priest, man or woman, who would for one moment claim that we have more faith in God than the Bishops and clergy and laymen who have gone before, but we thank God that as far as our memory runs there is a spirit of unity in this Diocese that the Diocese has not known in our generation, if ever before. We do believe that though we have not greater faith in God that the day has dawned when we have greater faith in the clergy and laity of this Diocese, the men and women of the Church and the children of our Church; that we are able to have visions of greater things and in the name of God set ourselves to the task of making visions come true.

"I have no desire ever to be known as a Bishop who promoted a personal cause; I have no ambition to be even known as a wise administrator; the sole ambition that has been mine since the days of my ordination and deepened with my consecration is to put first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; the spiritual transformation of every member of our Church as an individual and to press forward the corporate life of the Church as the instrument of the Saviour of mankind, for the regeneration of humanity,—but that, my brethren, demands the consecration of life's riches and life's talents. I believe that God leads wisely if we seek His guidance and ask Him to give that divine wisdom that He alone can give, but I do not think that it is any evidence of Divine wisdom to be wise in the administration of our own affairs and foolish in the administration of the Church. I do not think that it is any evidence of Divine guidance to give much of our time and talents to material things and forget the things that are spiritual and eternal. I do not think that it is any evidence of Divine guidance to let men think that life's riches must be spent in life's pleasures and not give to them the challenge in the life of Jesus Christ that life's riches consist

not in the abundance of things a man possesses. Oh, life's riches for us will be measured by the use we make of what God has given us, for the good of others.

"Brethren of the Clergy and laity, friends and citizens who have come here on this auspicious occasion, for all the blessings that God has given during the years of my consecration, I thank Him. For your loyal coöperation, your great patience and faithful forbearance when at times you did not see the vision that I saw and yet bore with me so gently and so helpfully, I am deeply indebted to you. And now, Brethren, I ask that for all the days to come that day by day you will pray to God to make us a true shepherd of His flock and that with the unity of faith and in the unity of the Spirit that together we will march shoulder to shoulder to do a greater work for God for the upbuilding of His Church, for the good of our community and for the redemption of humanity.

"'I thank my God on every remembrance of you—always in every prayer of mine.'

"If as a Diocese we pray together and work together and seek that Divine guidance that God alone can give, then there is a new day about to dawn for us and for our children. May God help us to be fellow-laborers in His Kingdom to bring in that New Day in all its power."

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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The Call of the Times

The season of Advent is with us and with it the beginning of new responsibilities in the opening of our Church Year which should make us mindful, as one of the Bishops has said, "That this age needs a Gospel, boldly proclaimed that is no respecter of persons." We cannot shut our eyes to the fact as told in the parable, that the world is a garden where the weeds grow faster than the flowers and are stronger. Look out on your gardens as the winter approaches. The sweetest and most delicate flowers are drooping or dead, but many weeds are still flourishing, and if we with the energy that comes to us with the beginning of our Church Year, can keep before us those weeds which must be rooted out before more seeds are sown from them, our winter will not have been in vain. Let us be up and doing. We seem to awaken so slowly to our responsibilities; some one has said that many of us are in the clutches of a spiritual creeping paralysis due to inherent laziness, and are tossed about by every wind that blows. The need of the hour is a MORAL Resurrection, new vision, new aspirations; we must keep the weeds in sight and attack them with new strength of will.

The whole Church just now is talking Evangelism, realizing that the supreme business of the Church is not so much to give us information about God as to put us in personal touch with God. The work is not easy. Mr. Chesterton maintains that Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, but that it has been "tried and found difficult." The road to Christ will always be by way of the Cross.

Our representatives in the field send or bring us word of work done and work doing. Look at one woman who has been in far off China. We all know what our libraries mean to us in our large cities, and in our country villages. Think of this woman founding a library in Boone University, Wuchang, realizing the necessity of books to the young students; raising money for it by interesting friends at home; making them, as it were, library pillars; sending at length young Chinese students to take the library course at Columbia University, and finally, herself coming to Washington to interview the "powers that be" personally; awakening the interest and co-operation in having the final installment of the Boxer Indemnity money returned to China to be used to establish the Free Library system there. This is now an accomplished fact, and Miss Wood will not soon be forgotten, as the librarians, trained now at Boone University and going out to new libraries, look back on this woman as the founder of such an Institution for good.

We hear from Brazil, that vast area, larger than our United States and with only eighty-two congregations grouped practically in a small part of the state of Rio Grande de Sul; but the work is so wisely directed, in that native clergy are being trained and sent out to take charge of the congregations whom they can understand better than the foreigner. Our Church, so a colored brother tells us, goes slowly, but where it goes it proves its efficiency, and speaking from Mississippi, where the population is a million negroes to seven hundred and thirty whites, this same colored friend says that NOTHING is so needed there throughout the South among the negroes as the Episcopal Church. It is not always first in the field, but in its administrations it is unselfish and appealing, as no other church, to the colored population. This colored brother has a most efficient school, The Okalona School, and assures us that our churches teaching of truth, honesty and purity has gone far to make the school one of the most encouraging and successful. Mississippi, alas, is second from the bottom in educational privileges, but even the small proportion of the graduates of a school such as Okalona, going out each year to teach, to marry and establish Christian homes, or to go into service, will sooner or later be felt and the small "Leaven" will grow.

Our own Diocese is full of the new idea of knitting together the Diocesan Committee with the Convocation so that we may all know what is going on in the pro-

gram of different parish activities. An all-day session at St. Mark's, Honeybrook (of the Chester Convocation), was the focussing point of the session's interests, and each month there will be more gained from the inspiration of "getting together." The women have, at the Bishop's request, accepted the responsibilities of helping these Missions, as their function now seems rather to encourage than to INAUGURATE. There are in the Convocation of Chester fifty parishes and Missions with a wide scope for active work among all sorts and conditions of foreign born and Americans.

As the Sesqui-Centennial closes, we are sure that among the many historical interests Philadelphia has shown the visitors from all over this country and others, nothing has been more interesting than our own old Christ Church, unique in that, long before the Liberty Bell rang, these chimes, none of which are cracked, called to worship those who helped to make history for us. From May until October, fifty-seven thousand eight hundred people have visited this place of worship and registered (and it is judged that only sixty per cent of those who came registered). Surely we can feel that the Church has had part in this wonderful Exposition.

The Indian Hope is now *specially* interested in the work in Duluth, Minn., a vast area where our Church has work and equipment on four of the Reservations there. Having pledged as a "Big Special $2240," it is hoped that in December the last few hundred dollars of this sum may be raised.

In one Reservation we are the *only* Church at work. In another, with the equipment of Church, rectory and hospital, *all* are closed for lack of funds. In the other two work goes on with Chapel, Church School, Vocational High School and eight Missions. Does not this appeal to those interested in our Indians and will it not be possible to raise the remainder of this Special before January?

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The Third Annual Convention of the Young People's Fellowship was held in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, on November 15th. The fact that the "location" was outside the city and that it was "raining as usual" did not lessen the numbers attending the Convention. It was a fine group of 350 who entered the dining-room from 6 to 7.30 P. M., to be served a delicious supper by thirty or more members of the Jenkintown Fellowship. This number was increased to over 400 before the evening session began at 8 o'clock.

Representatives from twenty-nine fellowships in the Diocesan organization were present, and nine other Parishes, where a fellowship does not now exist or where one has just recently been started, were represented. Bishop Garland and many of the clergy of the Diocese were also present.

The evening session was opened by a devotional service, conducted by the Young People—a short service of hymns, prayers, the Creed and Scripture Lesson. The singing was unusually fine; but why shouldn't it be when 400 young people are gathered together under one roof!

The Secretary's report showed that thirty-nine Parish fellowships were members of the Diocesan Fellowship, ten of which had been added during the past year. These thirty-nine fellowships have a total membership of about 1500.

The Convention closed with two inspiring and helpful messages to the Young People—the first by Bishop Garland, followed by the Rev. A. Vincent Bennett, Assistant Minister at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

During the business session the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Raymond C. Moore, Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown; First Vice-President, Arthur Parkinson, Calvary, Germantown; Second Vice-President, Jeannette H. Powell, Church of the Atonement; Secretary, Clara V. Stackhouse, St. Thomas', Whitemarsh; Treasurer, George Thompson, St. Mark's, Frankford.

IN MEMORIAM

Charlotte West Brinton, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Pennsylvania, entered Life Eternal July 14, 1926.

In Mrs. Brinton's death the Women's Auxiliary has experienced a great loss. Her untiring energy in the performance of her Master's work, her sympathy, her universal cheerfulness, her unfailing kindness, endeared her to all.

As a small testimonial of our appreciation of her work, we, members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of the Holy Trinity, have contributed and forwarded to the Rev. Carroll M. Davis, LL.D., Domestic Secretary of Department of Missions, the sum of $330 to be placed to the credit of Mrs. Burke for her work among the convalescent children of the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital at Fort Yukon, Alaska.

"The highest duties oft are found
Lying upon the lowest ground."

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The yearly Missionary meeting for the Candidate, Classes was held on Saturday afternoon, November 13th, in the historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, which is such a real sanctuary, in its little place surrounded by commerce of all kinds. It is probable that none of the visiting children and few of the Associates had ever been to this church, and following the service, which included several familiar missionary hymns, which the children sang heartily, the Rector, the Rev. Addison A. Ewing, gave a short account of the founding of the church, and many walked around it before they left to examine the tablets, font, and objects which had been originally sent over from Sweden.

The children then went into the Parish House, and Sister Edith Constance, of St. Mary's Academy, Burlington, N. J., who served for a long time in Wuchang, China, told very interesting things about the place, and showed various articles of dress, trinkets, etc. The G. F. S. has now established in Wuchang a worker among the many children (some as young as seven years) and girls and women who work in the big cotton mills in shifts of twelve hours each, day and night. It is hoped this worker may find many ways to brighten the lives of these little and big people. The offering taken at the service was towards the salary of this worker.

"A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion."
—*Bacon on Atheism.*

Deaf Clergy Hold Conference Here

Philadelphia was the scene of an occurrence almost unique in its character, when Missionaries to the Deaf of the Episcopal Church convened here for a Conference last August, 5th to 9th.

Sixteen out of a possible eighteen of the deaf clergy were in attendance, having come from practically every section of the United States. They were: The Revs. Oliver J. Whildin, Baltimore, Md.; Franklin C. Smielau, Selins Grove, Pa.; George F. Flick, Chicago, Ill.; Herbert C. Merrill, Syracuse, N. Y.; Clarence E. Webb, Los Angeles, Calif.; Olof Hanson, Seattle, Wash.; Clarence W. Charles, Columbus, Ohio; Homer E. Grace, Denver, Colo.; Henry J. Pulver, Alexandria, Va.; H. Lorraine Tracy, Jackson, Miss.; J. Stanley Light, Hartford, Conn.; Guilbert C. Braddock, New York City; Collins S. Sawhill, Cleveland, Ohio; Roma C. Fortune, Durham, N. C.; Jacob M. Koehler, Olyphant, Pa., and Warren M. Smaltz, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Conference met at All Souls' Church for the Deaf, Sixteenth Street above Allegheny Avenue, and opened with a Corporate Communion of the deaf clergy. Four separate sessions were held, two of them at All Souls' Church, and two at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, at Mt. Airy, which latter school very generously extended its hospitality to the visitors.

Various discussions brought out the real need for more ordained missionaries to the deaf. The need of adequate preparation for deaf missionaries in the theological seminaries was strongly emphasized, and numerous problems peculiar to this highly specialized work were discussed.

Front row, left to right: Revs. Franklin C. Smielau, Oliver J. Whildin, Warren M. Smaltz. Clarence E. Webb. Three in center, left to right: Olof Hanson, H. Lorraine Tracy, George F. Flick. Standing in back, left to right: J. Stanley Light, Homer E. Grace, J. M. Koehler, Collins S. Sawhill, Clarence W. Charles, Herbert C. Merrill, Roma C. Fortune, Henry J. Pulver, Guilbert C. Braddock.

But probably the most noteworthy characteristic of the Conference was the mutual inspiration and help received by these deaf clergymen. Almost invariably they labor alone, the only missionary to the deaf in thousands of square miles of territory. Many of them endeavor to cover whole provinces in their work. This in itself would not be so exacting if they had the occasional benefit of intercourse and discussion with other clergy similarly engaged. But too often they are alone in their work, the nature of which is only vaguely understood by others. That they felt keenly the need of mutual encouragement is witnessed by the unanimity with which they attended the Conference, in some cases having come for thousands of miles at their own expense.

Another noteworthy fact was the interest, amounting almost to veneration, which the visiting deaf clergymen took in All Souls' Church for the Deaf. This church is the largest and finest of its kind in the world. It was the first church for deaf mutes in the United States, and today still performs a splendid service, speaking eloquently of the good which can be accomplished when Bishop and Diocese are coördinated.

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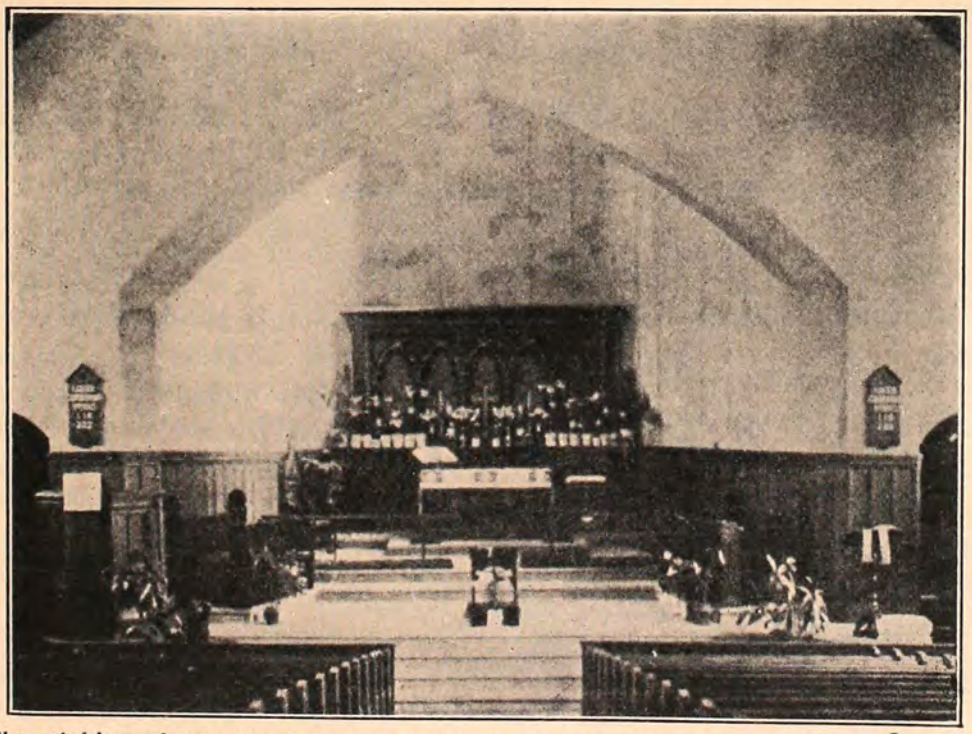

The etching shows the interior of All Souls Church for the Deaf, Sixteenth Street above Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, the first church for deaf mutes in the United States, and the largest and finest of its kind in the world; planned especially for those who must depend upon sight alone for their ability to join in public worship.

their ability to join in public worship.

It was here in this Diocese that the first deaf-mute was ordained to the ministry of the Church. The memorable event occurred on October 8, 1876, when the late Rev. Henry Winter Syle was made a Deacon by the late Bishop William Bacon Stevens, in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. Subsequently he was ordained to the priesthood. Since that time, a total of twenty-eight deaf men have been admitted to Holy Orders in the Church, and today the number of deaf communicants reaches into the thousands.

The Conference had these things in mind, and on Sunday, August 8th, the entire clergy in attendance assisted in an impressive memorial service at All Souls'. The church was filled to capacity, and it is believed that deaf people from nearly half the states in the Union were present, as this, the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of a deaf mute to the ministry, was fittingly remembered.

Immediately following this service a beautiful bronze tablet was unveiled by a young girl who is deaf, dumb, and blind,—Miss Grace Pearl,—in memory of the late A. L. E. Crouter, LL.D., L.H.D., who for more than fifty years took an active and sympathetic interest in the welfare of the deaf. In unveiling the tablet, it was recalled that Miss Pearl was the last pupil to graduate from the Mt. Airy School for the Deaf under Dr. Crouter's instruction. Unable to see or hear, she could yet read the inscription upon the tablet by feeling the raised letters with her hands. She is preparing now to be confirmed at All Souls' in January.

The Conference ended with the hope, embodied in a resolution, that similar meetings might be held in future years, and with that end in view elected officers, with the Rev. O. J. Whildin, of Baltimore, the ranking member in seniority of ordination as president; and the Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, of Philadelphia, as secretary.

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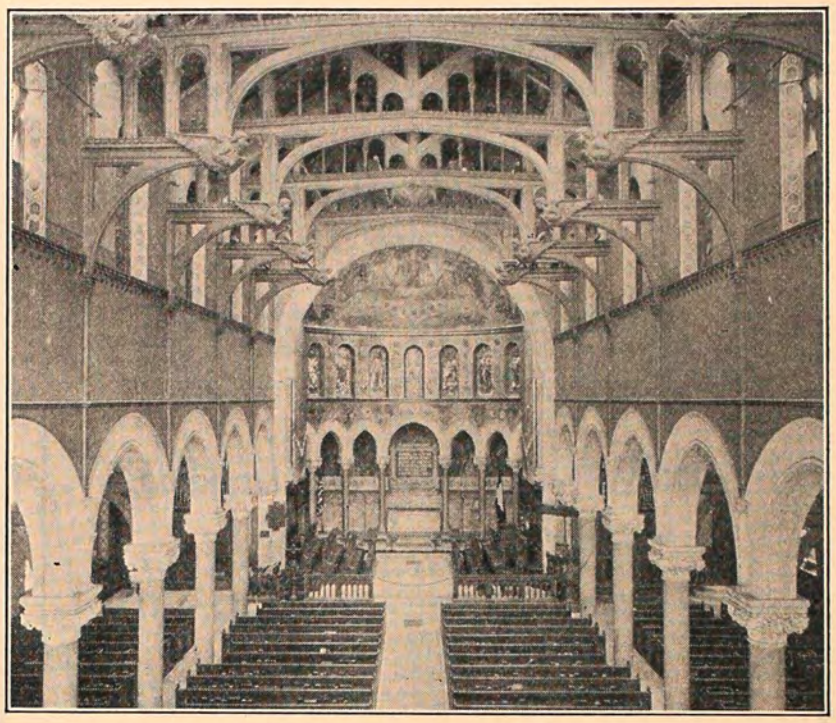

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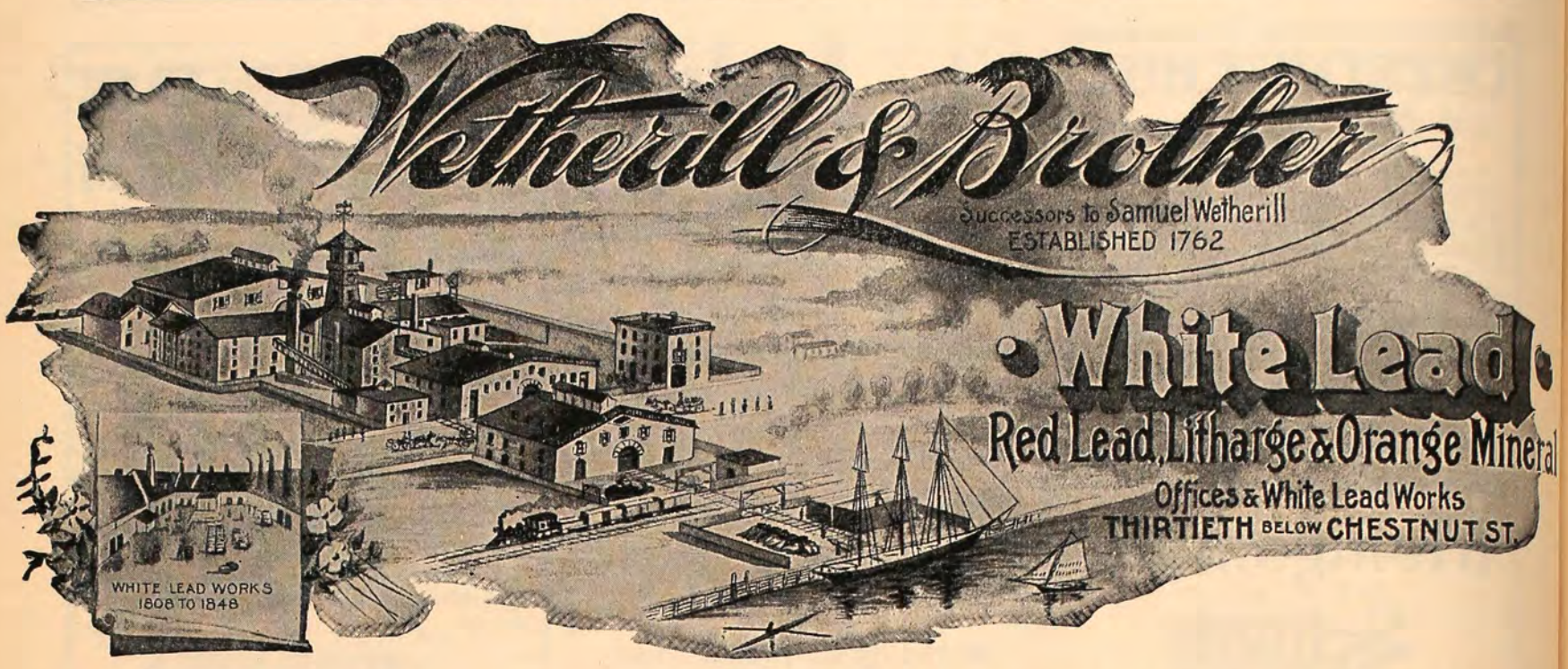

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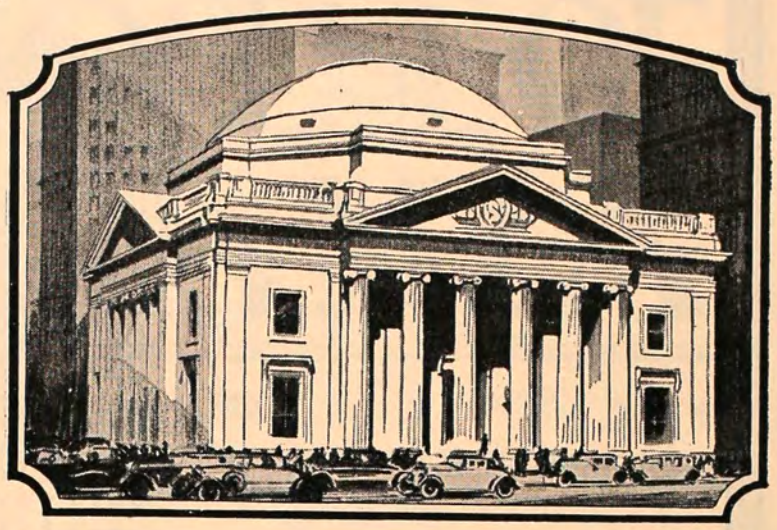

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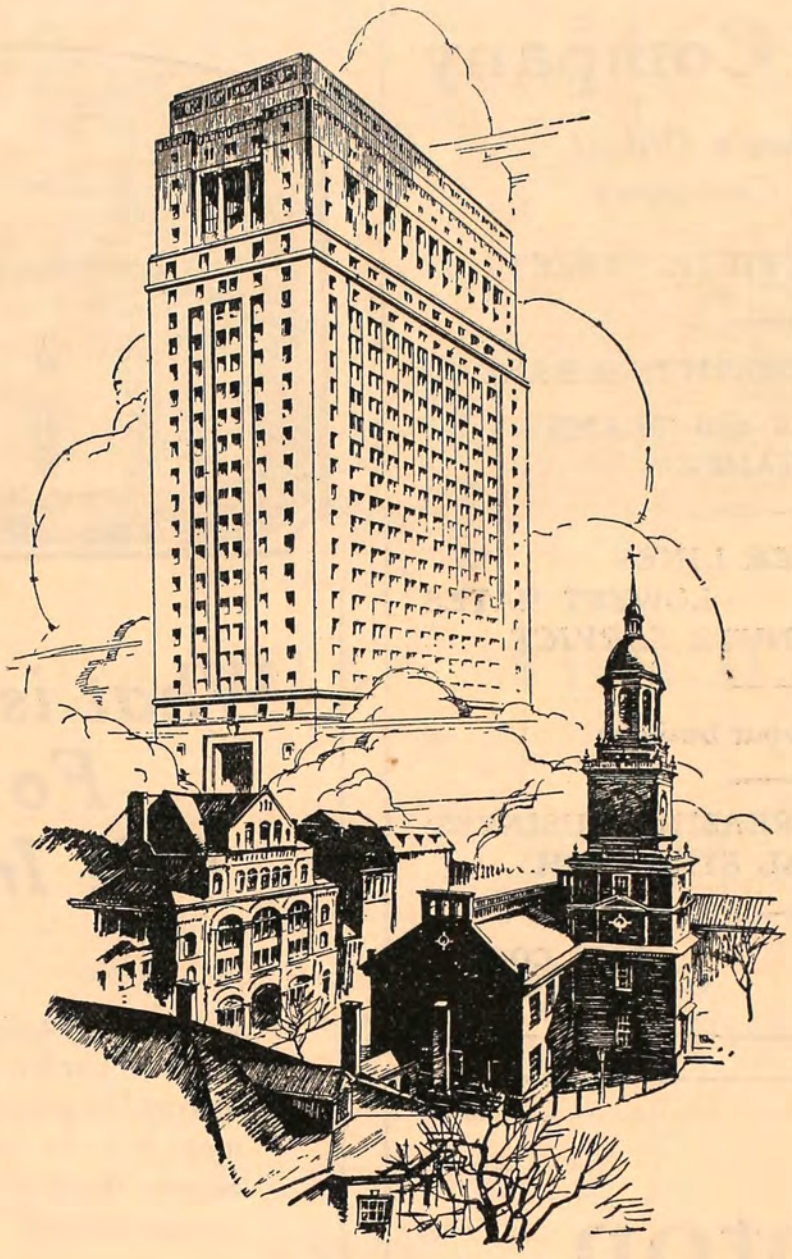

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